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FROM CODEL PERCY TO THE SECRETARY

DEPT PASS TO NADINE JACOBSEN, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO SENATOR

PERCY

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (PERCY, CHARLES H. )

SUBJECT: NEGATIVE SAG REACTION TO US POSTURE ON COMMUNIST

INTERVENTION IN AFRICA

1. CODEL REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

2. DURING FOUR DAYS OF MEETINGS IN SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST AFRICA, EVERY SAG OFFICIAL I SPOKE WITH, FROM VORSTER ON DOWN, STATED THAT USG WARNINGS TO COMMUNIST POWERS NOT TO INTERVENE IN RHODESIA ARE ACTUALLY COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. 1ST: NO ONE BELIEVES UNITED STATES WOULD BACK THESE WARNINGS WITH MILITARY FORCE. (SEE SEPTEL REPORTING MY APRIL 23 MEETING WITH VORSTER.

2ND. THOSE WHO HOPE FOR PEACEFUL NEGOTIATED SOLUTION FEEL IT HOLDS FALSE HOPE OUT TO IAN SMITH WE MAY BAIL HIM OUT

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MILITARILY IF COMMUNIST ACCEPT OUR DARE.

I WAS PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY FACT THAT EVEN HARD LINER SAG  
COMMISSIONER GENERAL, DE WET, IN OVAMBOLAND  
(IN NORTHERN NAMIBIA NEAR ANGOLA BORDER) AFFIRMED THIS VIEW.  
(AS REPORTED SEPTEL, NYERERE, KAUNDA, AND  
MACHEL ALSO EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN TO ME THAT USG WARNINGS  
OF RETALIATION FOR CUBAN AND SOVIET INTERVENTION SOUTHERN AFRICA  
ARE NOT RELIEVED AND ARE THEREFORE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.)

3. I AM CONVINCED THAT ONLY WAY FOR USG TO BLOCK COMMUNIST  
PENETRATION THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA IS BY DEMONSTRATING  
THATWE ARE MORE EFFECTIVE SUPPORTERS OF MAJORITY RULE THAN THE  
COMMUNISTS. BEST WAY TO FACILITATE SPREAD OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCE  
IS BY BLUFF THAT RINGS FALSE THROUGHOUT AFRICA AN WHICH  
APPEARES TO THEM TO BE ONLY FOR DOMESTIC US CONSUMPTION.

4. TWO COMMON PRESS QUESTIONS I HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN  
SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA HAVE BEEN: (A) IS MY VISIT AIMED  
AT PREPARING GROUND FOR SECSTATE VISIT, AND (B) DO I ASSOCIATE MY-  
SELF WITH VIEW THAT SECSTATES OMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA IS QUOTE  
STUPID UNQUOTE. (THIS VIEW PUBLICIZED BY SOUTH AFRICA FOUNDATION  
PRESIDENT MARAIS.) MY REPLY TO BOTH QUESTIONS HAS BEEN STRONG  
DENIAL. I HAVE SAID I HOPE TO HELP COORDINATE SENATE POSITION  
WITH THAT OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH WHEN SECSTATE AND I RETURN.

(5) BECAUSE I WILL BE ASKED TO COMMENT ON SECSTATES LUSAKA  
SPEECH, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY IN WASHINGTON SOONEST.  
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